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To,

**All Vice Chancellors of Technical Universities
Principal/ Directors of AICTE approved Institutions.**

Subject: Proposal of Minor Degree on Universal Human Values (UHV) – reg

Sir/Madam,

In the implementation of NEP 2020, it is essential that we provide Holistic, Value-based Education. The crucial part is the development of the holistic and humane world vision through inputs on Universal Human Values.

AICTE has been making effort in this direction since 2017 by placing in its Model Curriculum two mandatory value inputs UHV-I and UHV-II, which we trust you have made a part of your curriculum.

AICTE has also made available various Faculty Development Program on Universal Human Values to prepare the faculty members as well as other stakeholders for this task of National importance.

Further, and in pursuance of the aims of NEP 2020, AICTE decided to additionally offer a minor degree in UHV from AY 2022-23. The courses which are part of the minor degree may be offered as open electives to all students. A Minor Degree in UHV can be awarded to those students who complete the minimum of 18 credits in these open elective UHV courses (details attached).

These open electives will have a direct impact on desirable, common graduate attributes, thereby enhancing employability in the area of the major degree.

In the present situation of increasing problems of human-human conflict, global warming, and climate change, these courses will help prepare the urgently required technical professionals for sustainable and value-based living. Therefore, these minor degree courses will help to develop teachers, parents, and policymakers of tomorrow, who will have a humane worldview along with technical skills and strive to ensure value-based living for themselves as well as the society, nation, and world at large.

We urge you to offer and promote the Minor Degree in UHV in your respective institutions.

With warm regards

Prof. MP Poonia

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Attached:

1. Proposal re Minor Degree in UHV
2. AICTE Minor Degree in UHV

Minor Degree in Universal Human Values

Introduction

For the fulfilment of the aspirations articulated in NEP 2020, Holistic Value-based Education (HVBE) is required. The 3 important pillars of HVBE are:

1. Education on values founded on a holistic and humane world vision
Universal Human Values (UHV) provides well-tested foundational inputs which are universal, rational, verifiable, all-encompassing and leading to harmony, i.e., leading to wellbeing of all. This model has been successfully applied in
 - More than 40 universities in 10 states of the Nation since 2005
 - Across the Nation in professional colleges by AICTE since 2017
 - Being intensively experimented in Madhya Pradesh CM Rise Schools since 2022
 - Being adopted by UGC in 2022
2. Courses, examples and case studies of local, regional and national values, languages and skills to reinforce and exemplify a holistic and humane world vision
The Indian Knowledge System and Tradition (IKS) is based on a deep understanding of human being as well as of the underlying harmony in nature and the entire existence. It has been tested through practice, verified and improved over thousands of years. As a result, the Indian Knowledge System and Tradition is an effort for the 'wellbeing of all'. Therefore, its science, technology and systems offer many good case-studies of effort for human thought and culture
3. Education and practice of world-class value-guided skills:
 - Environmentally responsible science, technology and management (which ensure human prosperity and concurrent enrichment of nature)
 - Socially responsible behavioural skills, team work, collaboration (which ensures mutually fulfilment)
 - Skills for meaningful participation in the family, neighbourhood, institution, workplace, community, etc. all the way to the Nation and beyond (which is founded on National development and Global wellbeing)
 - Orientation and skills for service which promotes harmony in family, society at all levels

It is only with such education that the students will begin to be nurtured to their full human potential, and they begin to become competent and committed to contribute to the development of an equitable and just society; and promote national development.

Education on Values

AICTE has been making effort in this direction since 2017 by placing in its Model Curriculum two mandatory value inputs:

1. Mandatory 3-week Student Induction Program for all newly joined students, which includes the core module UHV-I: Universal Human Values – Introduction
2. UHV-II: Universal Human Values – Understanding Harmony and Ethical Human Conduct (a 3-credit mandatory course for all students during 1st / 2nd / 3rd / 4th semester). Three exclusive credits have been allocated for this important input

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Minor Degree in Universal Human Values

The Minor Degree in Universal Human Values

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The open elective courses are as follows:

	Open Electives for Minor Degree in UHV	Credits	Suggested Semester	Availability on SWAYAM	Availability of Material
1.	UHV-III: Understanding Human Being, Nature and Existence Comprehensively	3	3	August 2022	Aug 2022
2.	UHV-IV: Vision for Humane Society	3	4	Dec 2022	Dec 2022
3.	UHV-V: Human Values in Different Darshans	3	5	July 2023	July 2023
4.	UHV-VI: Human Psychology – Leading to Full Human Potential	3	6	Dec 2023	Dec 2023
5.	UHV-VII (A): A Foundation Course in Holistic Health – Its Philosophy and Practice Or UHV-VII (B): Human Sociology – Leading to Justice	3	7	Dec 2023	Dec 2023
6.	UHV-VIII: Human Economics – Sustainable and Mutually Enriching Production Systems	3	8	Dec 2023	Dec 2023

These courses are being developed and will be available as per the schedule, above. Therefore, the Minor Degree in UHV can be offered and promoted immediately.

The pursuance of these open electives will have a direct impact on desirable, common graduate attributes¹, thereby enhancing employability in the area of the major degree.

In the present situation of increasing problems of human-human conflict, global warming and climate change, these courses will help prepare the urgently required technical professionals for sustainable and value-based living.

Finally, it will help to develop teachers, parents and policy makers of tomorrow who will have a humane worldview along with technical skills and strive to ensure value-based living for themselves as well as the society, Nation and world at large. This degree course will facilitate developing sufficient number of teachers to impart value-based education right from primary to higher education across the Nation.

¹ Common Graduate Attributes:

- Holistic vision of life
- Socially responsible behaviour
- Environmentally responsible work
- Ethical human conduct
- Having competence and capabilities for maintaining health and hygiene